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**Subject:** RE: OPA Morning Clips 2/11/16

From this morning, for inclusion in the Digest this afternoon. This station is likely to have additional flood coverage mentioning EPA later in the day, and possibly tomorrow:

<http://fox2now.com/2016/02/11/final-pickup-of-flood-related-debris-to-end-monday/>

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**REGIONAL:**

**Ozarks First – Manhattan Project Part 3: Fire, Nuclear Waste in Landfill Present Problems for St. Louis Region – 2/10/2016**

The radioactive leftover by-product from the world's first atomic weapons could make its way into the air in the Show-Me State.

LINK: <http://bit.ly/20XqbWy>

**The St. Louis American – Families near West lake Landfill celebrate victory – 2/10/2016**

Many residents cheered on February 2 after the U.S. Senate passed a bill to give the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers the authority to clean up the radioactive waste at the West Lake Landfill in Bridgeton.

LINK: <http://bit.ly/1V65kgd>

### **The Missourian – Flood cleanup continues for some – 2/10/2016**

There are some Union residents who just now are beginning the arduous process of flood cleanup, but others already have received federal funds to begin rebuilding.

LINK: <http://bit.ly/1RsPTQ7>

### **The St. Louis American – Healthy food: A basic necessity for all – 2/11/2016**

Food insecurity – hunger, lack of access to healthy food, and anxiety about having enough food – is a growing issue in our region. In 2016, we have an embarrassingly high number of people living in Missouri without enough food to eat or access to healthy, nutritious food.

LINK: <http://bit.ly/1Q9kc9o>

### **Omaha.com – Nebraskans join rural water rally, emphasize importance of funding – 2/11/2016**

Representatives from the Nebraska Rural Water Association were in the nation's capital this week for the Rural Water Rally. The event brings utility representatives to town to lobby Congress on the importance of infrastructure, training and technical assistance for the country's rural water systems.

LINK: <http://bit.ly/1SK8NDC>

### **St. Louis Jewish Light – Jewish Environmental initiative to hold native gardening event Feb. 24 – 2/10/2016**

The Jewish Environmental Initiative (JEI), a committee of the Jewish Community Relations Council, will host a Feb. 24 event to educate members of the St. Louis Jewish community about native landscaping. The event is scheduled 7 p.m. in the Jewish Federation building, 12 Millstone Campus Drive.

LINK: <http://bit.ly/1o6rYuK>

### **WNAX Radio 570 – Farm group pleased Clean Power Plan halted by court – 2/11/2016**

This week, the Supreme Court halted enforcement of President Obama's sweeping plan to address climate change until after legal challenges are resolved. The High Court temporarily froze the clean power plan and Nebraska Farm Bureau's National Affairs Coordinator Jordan Dux is pleased with the decision because he says the plan if implemented would be costly to Nebraska.

LINK: <http://bit.ly/1o6sglb>

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## **NATIONAL:**

### **Salon – Too many Flints to count: America’s infrastructure is rotting – an poisoning our children – 2/11/2016**

The price tag for replacing the lead pipes that contaminated its drinking water, thanks to the corrosive toxins found in the Flint River, is now estimated at up to \$1.5 billion. No one knows where that money will come from or when it will arrive.

LINK: <http://bit.ly/1RsTePh>

### **Grand Haven Tribune – Congress right to press EPA on Flint – 2/10/2016**

Congress served precisely the role it should have in the U.S. House Oversight hearing (last week) on the Flint water crisis. Members of Congress rightly pressed hard on the role the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) should have played, but didn't, in protecting Flint residents.

LINK: <http://bit.ly/1Po7aYm>

### **AgProfessional – U.S. oil group file lawsuit against EPA over biofuels policy – 2/11/2016**

The American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers (AFPM) said on Wednesday it has filed a lawsuit challenging the U.S. environment regulator's biofuels policy, the latest industry body to join a legal battle over the controversial program.

LINK: <http://bit.ly/1o6nbJK>

### **Daily News – Obama’s Clean Power Plan may be on hold, coal’s fate is not – 2/10/2016**

The U.S. Supreme Court may have put President Barack Obama’s most aggressive plan to curb power-plant emissions on hold Tuesday. That’s not going to save coal from a shrinking market, or stop some states and utilities from moving forward with their own measures.

LINK: <http://bit.ly/1TesUcM>

### **Business Green – U.S. Clean Power Plan halt: No need to panic just yet – 2/11/2016**

Don't panic. The Supreme Court's shock decision to halt the Obama administration's Clean Power Plan (CPP) subject to on-going legal action against the regulations may have prompted a rally in the share price of some of America's embattled coal firms, but the likelihood remains that any reprieve for the carbon intensive energy industry will prove short-lived.

LINK: <http://bit.ly/1o247eV>

**Huffpost Green (Blog) – The future of recycling and premium recycling opportunities – 2/11/2016**

Addressing the economic challenges of collecting and recycling waste has been a significant test to our business model. We offset the inherent logistical costs of recycling by utilizing a variety of models, such as sponsorship from major brands or through partnerships with waste management companies and municipalities.

LINK: <http://huff.to/1QtO8NH>

**Phys/Org.com – Smart cities better defined by new research – 2/11/2016**

Researchers at the University of Birmingham have identified a handful of key elements that define 'smart cities'— cities like Singapore and Copenhagen, which are both at the top of their game in using technology to enable their citizens to enjoy a better quality of life, but in different ways.

LINK: <http://bit.ly/1o2a3op>